

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize the Missouri Corn Growers Association, which is celebrating twenty-five years of unparalleled service to Missouri's corn farmers and to the citizenry of the Show-Me State; and

Whereas, the Missouri Corn Growers Association held its first meeting at the Flaming Pit Restaurant in Columbia in April of 1978, during which Don Fischer of Corder was elected the organization's first president; and

Whereas, the first board of directors for the Missouri Corn Growers Association included Cleo Phillips of Cainsville, Jack Winklemen of Kirksville, Bob Schutte of Benton City, Kenneth Stock of Levasy, Raymond Stoll of Blackburn, Norman Saale of West Alton, Wendell Lee of Nevada, Bert Felton, Jr., of Rogersville, Dave Brewer of Charleston, Jim Kircher of Harrisonville, Bill Cook of Garden City, and Don Fisher of Corder; and

Whereas, the Missouri Corn Growers Association has received unparalleled guidance and leadership from presidents Kenneth Stock of Levasy, Robert Gebhards of Rock Port, Phil Aylward of Memphis, Byron Fink of Oregon, Glen Riekhof of Concordia, Brian Munzlinger of Williamstown, Sam Cobb of New Florence, Charles Hurst of Tarkio, Ron McNeall of Keytesville, Randy Jennings of Bernie, Don Fischer of Corder, and Brent Rockhold of Arbela; and

Whereas, since its inception, the Missouri Corn Growers Association has hired Executive Director Gary Marshall in 1989, constructed its permanent home at 3118 Emerald Lane in Jefferson City in 1999, and acquired an all-time high of 1,576 members; and

Whereas, the Missouri Corn Growers Association has worked tirelessly on behalf of Missouri's corn farmers to create a farmer-owned ethanol industry in Missouri, protect atrazine as a tool for corn production, help farmers recover from Missouri floods, and improve farm policy and planting flexibility:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Lowell Mohler, Director of the Missouri Department of Agriculture, and to all those dedicated individuals affiliated with the Missouri Corn Growers Association as they proudly celebrate this momentous milestone in their rich history; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Missouri Corn Growers Association.

Offered by _____
Representative Brian Munzlinger
District No. 1

Representative John Quinn
District No. 7

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1273, adopted April 1, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker